

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting  
January 12, 2016

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on January 12, 2016, via conference call. Executive Council members present on the call were Charles Welch (co-chair), Sandra Massey (co-chair), Stephen Hilterbran, Laurence Alexander and Larry Davis. Don Bobbitt, Margaret Ellibee and Glen Jones were unable to participate.

Staff members present were Brett Powell, Harold Criswell, Tim Atkinson, Ann Clemmer, Tara Smith and Nichole Abernathy.

Sandra Massey moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the January 29, 2016, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report and the Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

The academic agenda included the Bachelor of Arts in Game and Interactive Media Design by Arkansas Tech University, Associate of Science in Agriculture by Black River Technical College, the Bachelor of Science in Geoscience by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, the Bachelor of Science in Education Studies (non-licensure) by the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the Technical Certificate in Diesel Technology and Certificate of Proficiency in Commercial Vehicle Operator by the University of Arkansas at Monticello, College of Technology at McGehee, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee, the Letters of Notification and the Letters of Intent.

Also included were the 2015 Fall and 2015 Annual Enrollment Report, Annual Report on First-Year Student Remediation for Fall 2015, Academic Challenge Scholarship and Governor's Distinguished Scholarship Rules and Regulations, the New Policy on Student Placement into General Education Core Courses, Reimbursement of Expenses for Members of the AHECB and ICAC, the State Board of Higher Education Foundation Election of Supervisory Committee and the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Larry Davis moved to approve the review of the agenda for the January 29, 2016, AHECB meeting. Sandra Massey seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Brett Powell began by stating that the Master Plan workgroups are meeting on a regular basis with most having an April 30 deadline. However, the Institutional Funding group will have a little longer objective.

SREB hosted a meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in late fall, to think through some strategies for implementing some of the recommendations that SREB published in the last couple of years around being more intentional about career pathways for students, said Powell.

Next, Powell stated that a meeting would be held in early February to organize the new Mathways Project. Arkansas and four other states are working with the Dana Center at the University of Texas. This state-wide scale-up is aimed at determining the appropriate math requirements for each academic discipline.

#### Announcements

The Higher Education Coordinating Board will meet at ADHE on January 29, 2016.

After agreeing to continue to meet via conference call, the Council members agreed to cancel the February 2 and March 1 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be April 5, 2016.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.